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New records were set in Connecticut's economy in October when employment increased, unemployment was the lowest in nearly four years, factory wages were up and personal income reached an all-time high topping the $4-billion mark, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm jobs increased by 7,600 last month (page 2) to 1,449,700, the highest employment in the state since December 1981. Manufacturing employment at 406,400 reflected a monthly gain of 1,800 jobs and exceeded the October 1982 level by 400. Improvement was scattered in metallic industries and in such other categories as apparel and printing and publishing. Nonmanufacturing was up by 5,800, with varied gains, including restaurants, educational services, local and state government and general merchandise. Eleven labor market areas had increased employment which dropped in five (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers set new records at $8.92 per hour and $374.64 weekly for a slightly longer workweek of 42-hours (page 3) which were $8.88, $371.18 and 41.8-hours in September. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings were $8.54 or $341.60 weekly in October compared with $8.51 and $340.40 the month before, and 4.8% above last year. Workers receiving the highest weekly wage were in Ansonia, $411.94; Bridgeport, $398.56; Hartford, $396.15; Bristol, $394.48; New London/Norwich, $391.23; New Britain, $389, and Middletown, $388.74 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment in October was estimated at 76,400 or 4.7 percent, 2,700 below September's 79,100 and 4.9 percent rate (page 4). It was the lowest in Connecticut since November 1979. The October seasonally adjusted rate dropped two-tenths to five percent. It was 7.7 percent last year when 110,700 people were without jobs. Unemployment declined in 11 areas, increased in four and was unchanged in Bristol. Included in the unemployment estimate are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: General improvement was noted in other economic indicators (page 7), with manufacturing output advancing, personal income of state residents exceeding $4-billion for the first time, and fewer initial filings for unemployment benefits. The 42-hour workweek for factory workers was the longest since January 1981.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

October 1983

	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982(R)	% Change Oct. '83 over Sept.'83	% Change Oct. '83 over Oct. '82
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,449,700*	1,442,100*	1,431,600*	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Manufacturing.....	406,400*	404,600*	406,000*	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Metallic Manufacturing....	287,100*	286,000*	288,300	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Primary Metals.....	16,700	16,700	16,600	0.0	+ 0.6
Fabricated Metals.....	58,200	58,000	57,700	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	48,600	48,500	47,600*	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Electrical Equipment.....	50,700	50,700	49,400	0.0	+ 2.6
Transportation Equipment.	79,800*	79,600*	83,300	+ 0.3	- 4.2
Instruments & Clocks.....	26,700	26,500	27,300	+ 0.8	- 2.2
Other Metallic Mfg.....	6,400	6,000	6,400	+ 6.7	0.0
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	119,300	118,600	117,700	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
Food.....	13,100	13,100	12,900	0.0	+ 1.6
Textiles.....	7,200	7,200	7,200	0.0	0.0
Apparel.....	10,000	9,700	10,400	+ 3.1	- 3.8
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,700	6,500	6,500	+ 3.1	+ 3.1
Paper.....	9,900	10,000	10,000	- 1.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing....	25,700	25,400	25,100	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Chemicals.....	22,000	22,100	21,600	- 0.5	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	13,500	13,400	12,700	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	11,200	11,200	11,300	0.0	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,043,300	1,037,500	1,025,600*	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Construction.....	53,800	54,000	53,500*	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Transportation.....	31,300	31,500	32,100	- 0.6	- 2.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	12,300	12,200	12,600	+ 0.8	- 2.4
Other Transportation....	19,000	19,300	19,500	- 1.6	- 2.6
Communications.....	18,400	18,400	18,500	0.0	- 0.5
Utilities.....	12,100	12,200	11,700	- 0.8	+ 3.4
Trade.....	313,800	313,700	307,000	0.0**	+ 2.2
Wholesale.....	80,000	79,900	79,400	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Retail.....	233,800	233,800	227,600	0.0	+ 2.7
General Merchandise....	34,400	32,900	31,500	+ 4.6	+ 9.2
Food Stores.....	42,800	43,100	41,000	- 0.7	+ 4.4
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	23,300	23,300	23,200	0.0	+ 0.4
Restaurants.....	69,900	71,800	68,400	- 2.6	+ 2.2
Other Retail Trade.....	63,400	62,700	63,500	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	118,000	118,000	114,200	0.0	+ 3.3
Banking.....	28,500	28,600	27,400	- 0.3	+ 4.0
Insurance.....	66,400	66,200	64,500	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Real Estate.....	9,700	9,900	9,500	- 2.0	+ 2.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E..	13,400	13,300	12,800	+ 0.8	+ 4.7
Services.....	312,000	311,500	305,400	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Hotels.....	7,100	7,500	7,200	- 5.3	- 1.4
Personal Services.....	15,200	15,100	15,000	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Business Services.....	64,600	64,200	61,800	+ 0.6	+ 4.5
Health Services.....	104,800	104,700	102,500	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
Law & Professional.....	22,200	22,100	21,400	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Educational.....	30,200	29,200	30,200	+ 3.4	0.0
Other Services.....	67,900	68,700	67,300	- 1.2	+ 0.9
Government.....	183,900	178,200	183,200	+ 3.1	+ 0.4
Federal.....	21,300	21,300	21,300	0.0	0.0
State & Local.....	162,600	156,900	161,900	+ 3.6	+ 0.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.1 percent
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sept. 1983	Oct. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$374.64	$371.18	$336.04	42.0	41.8	40.1	$8.92	$8.88	$8.38
Metallic Manufacturing.....	387.47	385.64	348.25	42.3	42.1	40.4	9.16	9.16	8.62
Primary Metals.....	429.13	429.34	356.66	43.7	43.9	40.3	9.82	9.78	8.85
Fabricated Metals.....	349.03	346.94	315.17	41.9	41.8	40.2	8.33	8.30	7.84
Machinery.....	414.29	410.02	361.62	43.2	42.8	41.0	9.59	9.58	8.82
Electrical Equipment.....	318.86	311.95	280.28	41.9	41.1	39.7	7.61	7.59	7.06
Transportation Equipment...	458.85	463.83	426.71	41.6	41.9	40.6	11.03	11.07	10.51
Instruments & Clocks.....	361.58	355.24	309.20	43.2	42.8	40.9	8.37	8.30	7.56
Other Metallic Mfg.....	320.14	317.37	279.70	42.8	42.6	39.9	7.48	7.45	7.01
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	344.44	338.66	306.53	41.3	41.1	39.4	8.34	8.24	7.78
Food.....	358.20	357.84	314.00	41.7	42.0	40.0	8.59	8.52	7.85
Textiles.....	275.12	271.37	243.91	39.7	39.5	36.9	6.93	6.87	6.61
Apparel.....	210.36	210.56	192.03	37.1	37.4	36.3	5.67	5.63	5.29
Lumber & Furniture.....	291.81	285.94	253.43	42.6	41.5	40.1	6.85	6.89	6.32
Paper.....	422.27	418.57	387.32	45.7	45.3	45.3	9.24	9.24	8.55
Printing & Publishing.....	337.82	334.13	313.42	38.0	37.5	36.7	8.89	8.91	8.54
Chemicals.....	427.14	419.05	394.67	42.8	42.5	41.5	9.98	9.86	9.51
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	308.10	316.50	283.35	41.3	42.2	39.3	7.46	7.50	7.21
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	363.76	364.66	314.81	42.2	42.7	39.4	8.62	8.54	7.99
Construction.....	611.42	597.48	512.03	39.6	39.0	37.9	15.43	15.32	13.51

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT AREA

	Oct. Number	1983 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. Number	1983 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. Number	1982 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual.....	76,400	4.7.	79,100	4.9	110,700	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.0)		(5.2)		(7.7)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,100	7.4	1,100	7.5	1,500	9.7
Bridgeport.....	11,000	5.7	10,900	5.6	16,200	8.3
Bristol.....	2,100	6.1	2,100	6.1	4,300	12.3
Danbury.....	3,600	3.4	3,800	3.7	5,600	5.5
Danielson.....	1,700	5.5	1,700	5.7	2,900	9.9
Hartford.....	17,200	4.4	18,200	4.6	25,000	6.4
Meriden.....	1,800	6.8	1,900	7.3	2,600	9.9
Middletown.....	3,000	5.0	2,900	4.9	3,300	5.6
New Britain.....	4,000	5.6	3,900	5.5	6,700	9.3
New Haven.....	10,500	5.2	11,400	5.7	13,600	6.8
New London/Norwich.....	4,400	3.9	4,300	3.7	5,500	5.0
Norwalk.....	2,700	3.3	2,800	3.5	3,400	4.4
Stamford.....	4,300	3.2	4,400	3.4	5,600	4.4
Torrington.....	2,600	6.3	2,700	6.6	3,900	9.3
Waterbury.....	5,500	5.2	6,000	5.7	9,200	8.7
Willimantic.....	900	3.5	1,000	3.9	1,400	5.4
U.S. Total-Actual.....	9,383,000	8.4	9,830,000	8.8	10,942,000	9.9
		(8.8)		(9.3)		(10.5)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Oct. '83	Sept. '83	Oct. '82
All Items.....	302.6	301.8	294.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 2.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Oct.'83	Sept.'83	Oct.'82 (R)	Percent Change to October 1983 from: Sept.'83	Oct.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,640	7,650	7,810	- 0.1	- 2.2
Manufacturing	2,230	2,210	2,260	+ 0.9	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	5,410	5,440	5,550	- 0.6	- 2.5
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	166,700 (R)	165,400*	168,110	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Manufacturing	58,110	57,810	59,460	+ 0.5	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	108,590 (R)	107,590*	108,650	+ 0.9	- 0.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,130	22,940	21,880	+ 0.8	+ 5.7
Manufacturing	9,100	8,920	8,160	+ 2.0	+ 11.5
Nonmanufacturing	14,030	14,020	13,720	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	74,140	73,510*	72,110	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	27,000	26,740	26,300	+ 1.0	+ 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	47,140	46,770*	45,810	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,200	21,060	20,300	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	9,780	9,790	9,170	- 0.1	+ 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	11,420	11,270	11,130	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	402,470	401,760*	399,420*	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	87,340	87,250*	88,060*	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	315,130	314,510	311,360	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,450	21,460	21,210	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	5,060	5,090	5,250	- 0.6	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	16,390	16,370	15,960	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,660	44,810	45,650	- 0.3	- 2.2
Manufacturing	13,660	13,800	14,700	- 1.0	- 7.1
Nonmanufacturing	31,000	31,010	30,950	- 0.1	+ 0.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,420	59,110	59,840*	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Manufacturing	24,150	24,140	24,840*	+ 0.1	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	35,270	34,970	35,000	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	186,160	185,530	190,050*	+ 0.3	- 2.0
Manufacturing	37,140	36,730	39,870*	+ 1.1	- 6.9
Nonmanufacturing	149,020	148,800	150,180	+ 0.1	- 0.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	97,770*	97,910*	97,870	- 0.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	34,290*	34,010*	35,250	+ 0.8	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	63,480	63,900	62.620	- 0.6	+ 1.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,620	65,120	64,130	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	21,680	21,550	21,190	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	43,940	43,570	42,940	+ 0.8	+ 2.3

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Oct.'83	Sept.'83	Oct.'82 (R)	Percent Change to October 1983 from: Sept.'83	Oct.'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	115,310	115,790	114,180	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	31,820	31,620	32,000	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	83,490	84,170	82,180	- 0.8	+ 1.6
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,930	28,690	29,620	+ 0.8	- 2.3
Manufacturing	9,280	9,190	9,600	+ 1.0	- 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	19,650	19,500	20,020	+ 0.8	- 1.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	85,830*	85,160	85,540	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	28,650*	28,320	29,250	+ 1.2	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	57,180	56,840	56,290	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,600	20,490	20,550	+ 5.4	+ 5.1
Manufacturing	2,080	2,160	2,530	- 3.7	- 17.8
Nonmanufacturing	19,520	18,330	18,020	+ 6.5	+ 8.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1983	Oct. 1982
Ansonia	$411.94	$431.49	$401.12	43.0	44.9	43.6	$9.58	$9.61	$9.20
Bridgeport	398.56	396.44	351.82	42.4	42.4	40.3	9.40	9.35	8.73
Bristol	394.48	407.77	347.27	41.7	42.3	38.5	9.46	9.64	9.02
Danbury	363.38	364.93	329.64	42.7	43.6	42.7	8.51	8.37	7.72
Danielson	332.03	307.35	277.49	40.1	37.3	37.6	8.28	8.24	7.38
Hartford	396.15	397.28 (R)	365.89	41.7	41.6	40.7	9.50	9.55 (R)	8.99
Meriden	316.61	317.05	289.48	40.8	40.7	39.6	7.76	7.79	7.31
Middletown	388.74	373.63	350.95	41.8	40.7	39.7	9.30	9.18	8.84
New Britain	389.00	384.89	340.80	42.1	41.7	40.0	9.24	9.23	8.52
New Haven	356.25	352.46	318.67	40.3	40.7	39.1	8.84	8.66	8.15
New London/ Norwich	391.23	392.45	358.99	40.5	40.5	40.2	9.66	9.69	8.93
Norwalk	387.55	378.86	335.58	44.7	43.9	42.0	8.68	8.63	7.99
Stamford	347.67	344.60	325.22	40.1	39.7	40.4	8.67	8.68	8.05
Torrington	278.88	272.74	238.64	40.3	39.3	38.0	6.92	6.94	6.28
Waterbury	335.60	329.94	280.76	44.1	43.7	39.6	7.61	7.55	7.09
Willimantic	323.53	292.55	266.53	39.6	38.8	39.9	8.17	7.54	6.68

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.3	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.5	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.0	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1424.5	1425.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1433.8	1425.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1441.8	1425.3	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1416.9	1428.3	10612	6958	7.8	6.6
Aug....	1407.4	1425.7	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1429.5	1424.4	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1431.6	1422.4	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1436.1	1422.4	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1419.9	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....	1432.8	1424.3	4277	5512	6.3	7.0
Jun....	1440.1	1423.0	5352	5268	6.4	6.4
Jul....	1419.8	1431.2	7784	5104	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1407.0	1425.5	4553	4544	5.3	5.3
Sep....	1442.1	1436.4	3477	5003	4.9	5.2
Oct....	1449.7	1441.1	3620	4827	4.7	5.0
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9430	41.1	41.3	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11984	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	7221	41.3	41.3	95.5	107.8
Aug....	3922.3	11897	10845	41.5	41.9	98.4	111.9
Sep....	3969.6	12105	13818	41.8	42.1	116.0	114.4
Oct....	4013.4	10202	9570	42.0	42.1	117.4	115.1
Nov....							
Dec....							

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Economic conditions continued to improve in Connecticut during November when employment reached its highest level in nearly two years, unemployment dropped and wages and personal income were at record high levels, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment in nonfarm jobs increased by 8,000 over the month to 1,457,700, the highest since December 1981 and 21,600 above November last year (page 2). Manufacturing employment increased by 2,600, with monthly gains in transportation equipment (up by 900), fabricated metals (500 increase), and other industries. An increase of 5,400 in nonmanufacturing employment included seasonal hiring in general merchandise (2,100 higher) and other retail trade (up by 1,200). Increased employment was recorded in 13 labor market areas, was unchanged in Ansonia and dropped in Danielson and Torrington (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory production workers set a new all-time high of $378.59 weekly and $8.95 an hour for a slightly longer workweek of 42.3 hours (page 3). Straight-time earnings at $8.54 hourly and $341.60 weekly were unchanged from October and 4.8 percent above a year earlier. Wages were highest in Ansonia, followed by New London/Norwich, Norwalk, Hartford, Bristol and Bridgeport (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment was estimated at 76,000, down 400 from October and 33,300 under November 1982 (page 4). The 4.6 percent November rate was the lowest since September 1979. Seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percent to 4.8 and remained well under the comparable national rate of 8.4 percent. Included in the unemployment estimate are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who are ineligible or whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force. There were approximately 23,700 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy, personal income of state residents reached a record high level, registrations for new cars increased, manufacturing output was up and weekly first-time filings for unemployment benefits (seasonally adjusted) dropped (page 7).

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A report on 1982 earnings of Connecticut workers is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

November 1983

	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982 (R)	% Change Nov. '83 over Oct. '83	% Change Nov. '83 over Nov. '82
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,457,700*	1,449,700*	1,436,100*	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Manufacturing.....	409,000*	406,400*	406,500*	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Metallic Manufacturing....	289,200*	287,100*	288,600*	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Primary Metals.....	16,800	16,700	16,600	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Fabricated Metals.....	58,700	58,200	57,400	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	48,700	48,600	47,200*	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Electrical Equipment.....	50,800	50,700	49,600	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Transportation Equipment.	80,700*	79,800*	84,200	+ 1.1	- 4.2
Instruments & Clocks.....	27,100	26,700	27,300	+ 1.5	- 0.7
Other Metallic Mfg.....	6,400	6,400	6,300	0.0	+ 1.6
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	119,800	119,300	117,900	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Food.....	13,000	13,100	13,100	- 0.8	- 0.8
Textiles.....	7,100	7,200	7,200	- 1.4	- 1.4
Apparel.....	10,200	10,000	10,300	+ 2.0	- 1.0
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,800	6,700	6,300	+ 1.5	+ 7.9
Paper.....	10,100	9,900	10,200	+ 2.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing....	25,800	25,700	25,200	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Chemicals.....	22,300	22,000	21,700	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	13,400	13,500	12,500	- 0.7	+ 7.2
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	11,100	11,200	11,400	- 0.9	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,048,700	1,043,300	1,029,600	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Construction.....	53,000	53,800	53,000	- 1.5	0.0
Transportation.....	31,100	31,300	31,900	- 0.6	- 2.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	12,300	12,300	12,600	0.0	- 2.4
Other Transportation....	18,800	19,000	19,300	- 1.1	- 2.6
Communications.....	18,100	18,400	18,500	- 1.6	- 2.2
Utilities.....	12,200	12,100	11,700	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Trade.....	317,300	313,800	310,200	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Wholesale.....	80,000	80,000	79,300	0.0	+ 0.9
Retail.....	237,300	233,800	230,900	+ 1.5	+ 2.8
General Merchandise....	36,500	34,400	33,500	+ 6.1	+ 9.0
Food Stores.....	43,300	42,800	41,400	+ 1.2	+ 4.6
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	23,300	23,300	23,200	0.0	+ 0.4
Restaurants.....	69,600	69,900	68,000	- 0.4	+ 2.4
Other Retail Trade.....	64,600	63,400	64,800	+ 1.9	- 0.3
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	118,300	118,000	114,400	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
Banking.....	28,700	28,500	27,600	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Insurance.....	66,600	66,400	64,500	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Real Estate.....	9,600	9,700	9,400	- 1.3	+ 2.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E..	13,400	13,400	12,900	0.0	+ 3.8
Services.....	311,500	312,000	305,300	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Hotels.....	7,000	7,100	7,100	- 1.4	- 1.4
Personal Services.....	15,300	15,200	15,100	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Business Services.....	64,800	64,600	62,000	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Health Services.....	105,100	104,800	102,800	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Law & Professional.....	22,200	22,200	21,400	0.0	+ 3.7
Educational Services....	29,900	30,200	30,200	- 1.0	- 1.0
Other Services.....	67,200	67,900	66,700	- 1.0	+ 0.8
Government.....	187,200	183,900	184,600	+ 1.8	+ 1.4
Federal.....	21,400	21,300	21,300	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
State & Local.....	165,800	162,600	163,300	+ 2.0	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1983	Nov. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$378.59	$374.64	$342.69	42.3	42.0	40.7	$8.95	$8.92	$8.42
Metallic Manufacturing.....	395.47	387.47	354.60	42.8	42.3	40.9	9.24	9.16	8.67
Primary Metals.....	438.57	429.13	371.62	44.3	43.7	41.2	9.90	9.82	9.02
Fabricated Metals.....	353.63	349.03	310.84	42.3	41.9	39.8	8.36	8.33	7.81
Machinery.....	421.18	414.29	366.39	43.6	43.2	41.4	9.66	9.59	8.85
Electrical Equipment.....	320.12	318.86	291.01	41.9	41.9	40.7	7.64	7.61	7.15
Transportation Equipment...	473.03	458.85	438.88	42.5	41.6	41.6	11.13	11.03	10.55
Instruments & Clocks.....	374.41	361.58	322.28	44.1	43.2	41.8	8.49	8.37	7.71
Other Metallic Mfg.....	322.70	320.14	279.20	43.2	42.8	40.0	7.47	7.48	6.98
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	341.96	344.44	313.94	41.3	41.3	40.3	8.28	8.34	7.79
Food.....	351.51	358.20	310.87	41.5	41.7	39.5	8.47	8.59	7.87
Textiles.....	277.67	275.12	255.15	40.3	39.7	38.6	6.89	6.93	6.61
Apparel.....	217.35	210.36	194.99	37.8	37.1	37.0	5.75	5.67	5.27
Lumber & Furniture.....	281.57	291.81	261.65	41.9	42.6	41.4	6.72	6.85	6.32
Paper.....	425.45	422.27	392.79	45.6	45.7	45.2	9.33	9.24	8.69
Printing & Publishing.....	330.88	337.82	317.53	37.6	38.0	37.4	8.80	8.89	8.49
Chemicals.....	435.11	427.14	396.16	42.7	42.8	42.1	10.19	9.98	9.41
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	314.58	308.10	292.66	42.0	41.3	40.2	7.49	7.46	7.28
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	369.80	363.76	326.42	42.9	42.2	40.6	8.62	8.62	8.04
Construction.....	608.40	611.42	511.06	39.1	39.6	37.8	15.56	15.43	13.52

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Nov. Number	1983 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. Number	1983 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. Number	1982 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual.....	76,000	4.6	76,400	4.7	109,300	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(4.8)		(5.0)		(7.4)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,200	7.7	1,100	7.4	1,600	10.3
Bridgeport.....	10,300	5.3	11,000	5.7	16,000	8.2
Bristol.....	2,000	5.6	2,100	6.1	4,000	11.7
Danbury.....	3,700	3.5	3,600	3.4	5,700	5.7
Danielson.....	1,800	5.8	1,700	5.5	2,900	9.9
Hartford.....	17,100	4.3	17,200	4.4	23,100	5.9
Meriden.....	1,900	7.1	1,800	6.8	2,600	9.7
Middletown.....	3,000	5.0	3,000	5.0	3,400	5.8
New Britain.....	3,700	5.2	4,000	5.6	6,700	9.2
New Haven.....	10,300	5.1	10,500	5.2	13,100	6.5
New London/Norwich.....	4,400	3.9	4,400	3.9	5,800	5.3
Norwalk.....	2,800	3.4	2,700	3.3	3,800	4.8
Stamford.....	4,400	3.3	4,300	3.2	5,600	4.4
Torrington.....	2,700	6.6	2,600	6.3	4,100	9.8
Waterbury.....	5,700	5.4	5,500	5.2	9,700	9.2
Willimantic.....	1,000	3.5	900	3.5	1,200	4.5
U.S. Total-Actual.....	9,129,000	8.1	9,383,000	8.4	11,476,000	10.4
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(8.4)		(8.8)		(10.7)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Nov. '83	Oct. '83	Nov. '82
All Items.....	303.1	302.6	293.6
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 3.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.